

**ARIZONA TRAUMA SYSTEM QUALITY ASSURANCE AND  
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT (AZTQ) COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 16, 2002**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Ashland, Jane Burney, Deborah Gorombe, Dr. Pam Goslar, Dr. John Porter, Steve Powles, Rookie Stevens, and Brenda Sutton (Telephonically)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Burns, Melinda Case, Susan Hinze, Sheri Farr Jorden, Dan Judkins, and Dr. Scott Petersen

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Heidi Campas, Kathi Coniam, Tracy Edwards, Rose Johnson, Kaylan O'Meara, Kathy Ruiz, Robinelle Schroder, and Philomene Spadafore

**BEMS STAFF PRESENT:** Pennie Klein and Larry Lorenzen

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. John Porter called the meeting to order after a quorum was reached, including one member by telephone, at 9:35 a.m.

**II. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE AGENDA**

Steve Powles motioned, with a second by Dr. Pam Goslar, to accept the agenda as presented with no changes. Motion carried.

**III. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion by Mr. Powles, seconded by Dr. Goslar, to accept the minutes from November 15, 2001, as presented with no changes. Motion carried.

**IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The newly appointed chairman of the AZTQ Committee, John Porter, M.D., introduced himself to the Committee and gave a brief background on himself. Next, he asked the members to introduce themselves and everyone in the room gave their name and what organization they represented.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Trauma Registry Update**

Pennie Klein started out by summarizing where we are at in the trauma registry process. Then she gave a short history of the trauma registry process and the steps we have completed up until now for Dr. Porter's benefit. Next she asked the members and public if they were having any problems with their new trauma registry software. The representatives of organizations using the "Collector" software answered that everything is running smoothly so far. As to the solutions, Pennie said that part of the solution is making sure that the basic software is working okay and that the specialized things that the organizations have asked for is also installed in their systems. Pennie asked the members if

they are having any problems getting the specialized software they requested and was approved, please contact her and she will look into it. The representatives of organizations using “Trauma One” software also stated that their basic software is installed and working okay so far. A member suggested that it would be helpful to get an updated drop-down screen for our systems. Pennie asked if they are able to activate their independent work group to have a discussion with the vendor about where you know you are, where they believe you are, and where Pennie thinks you are so we can all get on the same page. Pennie said if the Committee can tell her when they can get the independent work group together, she will convey the time and date to the two different vendors and she will get from the vendors what they believe they got from us as those pick lists and we will be able to look at them to see if they are right or not.

Pennie announced that the Bureau is now in the process of working with Trauma One to get the State side up and running. It was asked how are we going to keep up with the hospitals that change their names. It was suggested that hospitals have I.D. numbers that link them to their names so you could check the I.D. number to see what the current name of a hospital is.

**B. Data Fields for Trauma Center Submission to State**

To start this discussion, Dr. Porter asked the Committee members “What is the purpose of the Trauma Registry?” Four answers were offered up from the Committee:

1. So you will have a database from which to identify problems so that you can use a performance improvement program.
2. It provides a database to study prevention programs and outcome.
3. To provide a database for research purposes.
4. To provide data to the State that establishes that the money the State is contributing to the hospitals is being fully utilized in a proper manner.

Next, Dr. Porter requested that the Committee look at the Data Fields document to determine what data points need to be deleted or added. It was brought out that at a previous meeting the Data Fields document was amended and the Committee approved the amendments. The document the Committee is looking at doesn’t have those amendments. Dr. Porter responded that this was okay because we can add or delete those items back in now. It was asked that on the second page, under interfacility transports, the last checkmark “status of transferring facility,” what do we mean by status? It was determined that it meant the patient trauma level of the facility. Next it was asked that once these data points are approved, are you going to recommend what the first care form looks like so that you can get that information off of prehospital providers? Dr. Porter responded that that is the next step in the process and that we have to approve the Data Fields before we can go to that step. Dr. Porter offered up a change. Under the “Labs” section, right now there is only blood alcohol level and drugs and toxicity testing but in terms of doing research, which was one of the purposes listed above, we like to know what the initial hemoglobins are and that’s a lab that almost all trauma centers will be getting and so it will assess away to sort of say how equivalent two

groups might be if you're doing a study because they started off with what range of hemoglobins so I think that would be an easy data point to add. It was suggested that we also add the hemoglobins 24 hours after the patient's initial hemoglobins were taken. At approximately 10:20 a.m., Committee member Brenda Sutton, who had been with us telephonically, had to leave to go to another meeting so, since we lost quorum, the official meeting ended and an informal discussion continued from that point on.

**VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2002, at 9:00 a.m.

The following two items are to be placed in the "Old Business" section of the September 26<sup>th</sup> Agenda:

1. Data Fields for Trauma Center Submission to State – P. Goslar/P. Klein (Discussion/Decision)
2. Elimination of the AZTQ Committee's Bylaws – Dr. Porter (Discussion/Decision)

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned.

Approved by AZTQ on 10/3/02